

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Halethorpe Switching Tower Inventory Number: ~~#~~ BA-3104
 Address: CSXT Milepost BAA 5.7; HDR Sta. 685+00; Bldg #MD 027 City: _____ Zip Code: 21227
 County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Relay
 Owner: CSX Transportation Is the property being evaluated a district? no
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: CSXT Capital Subdivision Improvements Agency: Federal Transit Administration
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
 The Halethorpe Switching Tower was built in 1917 to control traffic between the B&O's Main Line and the Washington Branch. The tower's designer is unknown. Currently abandoned, the tower's 2/2 double hung sash windows have been boarded up, although the building retains its decorative brickwork, exterior wood moldings, arched window frames and roof ridge embellishments, and thus most of its architectural design integrity. Access to determine the condition of original switching equipment inside the tower could not be obtained at the time of survey. The tower ceased operations on October 1, 1985. It is the last remaining tower on the B&O's Main Line.

Although the slightly deteriorated physical condition of the Halethorpe Switching Tower does not significantly affect its historic appearance, it very likely represents a later replacement for an earlier switching tower at Halethorpe, and it is not associated with the initial construction of the B&O's Main Line or Washington Branch railroads. Since it is outside the period of significance (1829-1835), the Halethorpe Switching Tower is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
MHT Comments: <i>In a local/state context, this is an especially well-preserved representative example. It retains considerable integrity despite removal of electro-mechanical equipment.</i>	
<u>Andrew Levin</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>08/02/02</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>1/7/03</u> Date

Distinctive exterior form & detailing; substantial interior finish survives

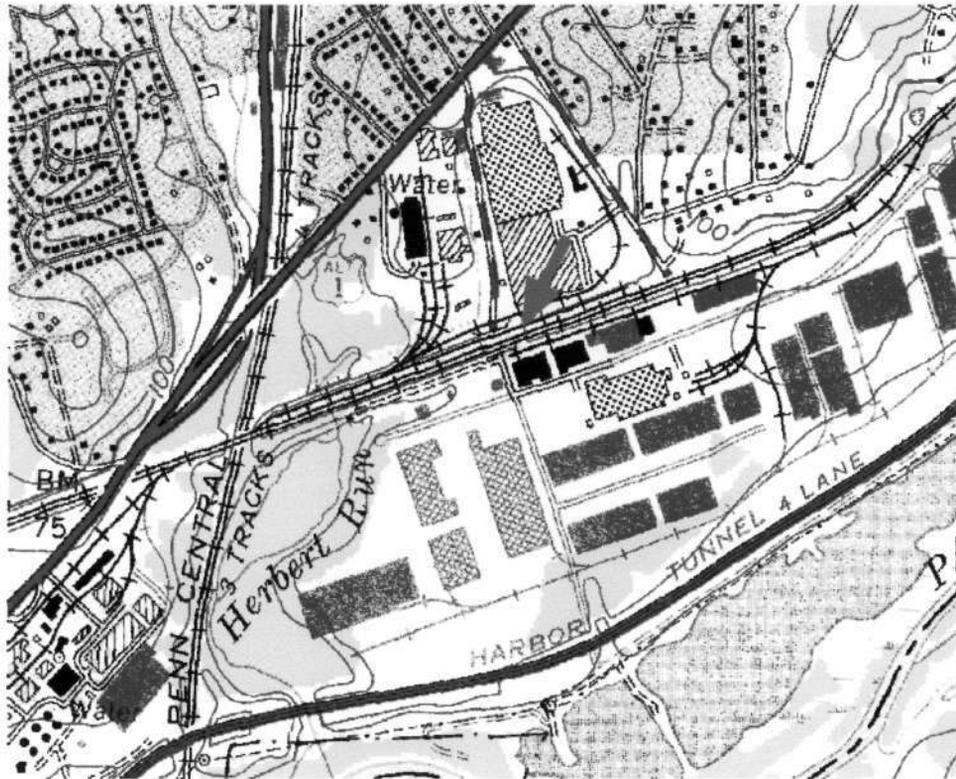


Figure 2: USGS Relay 7.5' Quadrangle Map showing property location.



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HALETHORPE SWITCHING TOWER

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LOOKING SW

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HALETHORPE SWITCHING TOWER

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VIEW OF TOWER, LOOKING SW

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